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SUBJ: SECURITY PROBLEMS IN GHANA

REFS: (A) ACCRA 0387 (NOTAL) (B) ACCRA 0332 (C) ACCRA 0306

1. SINCE BEGINNING OF STUDENTS CONFERENCE REPORTED REFTEL (B), THIS EMBASSY AND, TO A LESSER DEGREE FRG AND OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES, HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO NUMBER OF EVENTS WHICH HAVE INCREASED SECURITY CONCERNS HERE. DISRUPTION OF POETRY READING BY STANLEY KUNITZ WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL (C).

2. AMONG OTHERS EVENTS ARE: (A) REPORT OF POSSIBLE KIDNAP THREAT AGAINT US AND WEST GERMAN PERSONNEL ON JAN 9, (B) THREATENED DEMONSTRATION, ALSO ON JAN 9, WHERE IT IS REPORTED STUDENTS AT LEGON (NUMBER UNDETERMINED) ACTUALLY BOARDED BUSES TO COME TO EMBASSY BUT WERE STOPPED BY AUTHORITIES BEFORE ARRIVING, (C) ANOTHER ALLEGED DEMONSTRATION THREAT ON JAN 16 WHICH DID NOT MATERIALIZE, AND (D) TELEPHONE CALL TO HOME OF DCM JAN 19 STATING THAT HOUSE WAS TO BE BOMBED.

3. ALL OF THESE EVENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO AND DISCUSSED WITH PERTINENT GHANAIAN AUTHORITIES FROM WHOM EXCELLENT COOPERATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. WE MUST ASSUME -- AT LEAST, SO FAR -- THAT KIDNAP AND BOMB THREATS ARE HOAXES OR HARRASSMENT.
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4. WE ARE CONTINUING TO MONITOR THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND WILL REPORT
FURTHER IF EVENTS CONTINUE IN THIS MANNER.
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